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SUBJ: NEW CHILEAN PRESS ATTACHE

1. NEWLY-APPOINTED CHILEAN PRESS ATTACHE CARMEN PUELMA ACCORSI ARRIVING WASHINGTON SEPT 26 WITH MANDATE FROM GOC TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT WITH U.S. MEDIA REGARDING OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE GOVT. AND NEW JUNTA'S POLICIES AND ACTIONS.
2. MS. PUELMA WELL KNOWN TO USIS. WH WAS ONE OF MOST OUTSPOKEN CRITICS OF ALLENDE REGIME AS NEWS DIRECTOR OF RADIO COOPERATIVA, ON DAILY 15-MINUTE RADION COMMENTARY WITH NATIONAL PARTY DEPUTY LUCIANO VASQUEZ (EARLIER CARRIED ON RADIO AGRICULTURA) AND AS EDITOR OF WOMEN'S MAGAZINE "EVA".
3. MS PUELMA REPORTEDLY CHOSEN AS REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESS-WOMEN WHO TOO UNEQUIVOCAL POSITION AGAINST PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT. SHE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND SPENT EIGHT MONTHS IN NEW YORK.
4. CLAIMS ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR HER TO APPEAR ON MARTIN AGRONSKY PROGRAM ON NET-TV. SHE CARRYING FILM CLIPS, OTHER DOCUMENTATION TO MAKE HER POINTS ON THIS AND OTHER MEDIA.
5. TRAVELING ALONE, TEMPORARILY LEAVING HUSBAND PABLO LE GRAND AND CHILDREN IN SANTIAGO. SAYS SHE WILL HAVE TO DECIDE IN TWO MONTHS

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WHETHER SHE CAN CONTINUE IN WASHINGTON, DEPENDING ON WHETHER

HUSBAND, AN INDUSTRIALIST, CAN MOVE TO UNITED STATES.

6. WILL BE STAYING TEMPORARILY IN CHILEAN AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE. SHE MAY CALL ON AGENCY OFFICERS, INCLUDING ROBERT
COHOES, CHIEF, IPS/PL, TO MAKE CONTACT. NORMAL COURTESIES APPRECIATED.

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